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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPROVAL FOR SANDY MITCHELL RARE EARTH PROJECT

Highlights

- **Environmental Authorisation for the Sandy Mitchell Rare Earths project has been issued by the Queensland Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994**
- **Receipt of the Environmental Authority is an important milestone in connection with the Mining Licence application, marking another key step forward in Ark Mines' mine development strategy**
- **219-hole, 2,324m resource expansion drill program now completed; assays collected and sent for processing with results to be incorporated into a forthcoming comprehensive Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS)**

Ark Mines Limited (ASX: AHK) ('AHK' or the 'Company') is pleased to announce that it has been granted Environmental Authority (EA) for mining activity under its Mining Lease (ML100409) at the Sandy Mitchell Rare Earths project.

Managing Director Ben Emery said: "*Environmental Authorisation approval for the Sandy Mitchell project is a significant regulatory milestone which paves the way for the award of the Mining Licence. We are pleased to have collaborated closely with the relevant governmental departments and regulatory authorities to ensure the EA application process was carried out with the highest standards of quality control.*

Concurrently, project development at Sandy Mitchell continues to advance on schedule, highlighted by the recent completion of our extensive resource expansion drill program. Along with pending drill assay results, Ark is working closely with our specialist consultants, IHC Mining, the deliver a detailed metallurgical improvement program which is expected to further support project economics in the forthcoming Pre-Feasibility Study.

We look forward to providing more project development updates for Sandy Mitchell in the coming weeks, amid what is an increasingly supportive market environment for rare earths globally."

Environmental Authority

The Environmental Authority number P-EA-100805234 was issued by the Queensland Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1994 ('the EP Act').

Receipt of the EA , the regulatory process the lodge the Permit application for Sandy Mitchell (ML100409) is largely complete, with only a security self-assessment now required to complete the Permit application.

To obtain EA approval, Ark was required to meet comprehensive eligibility criteria and standard conditions for mining lease activities, as prescribed by the EP Act. In addition to the requirements found in the conditions of the environmental authority, the holder must also meet their obligations under the EP Act, and the regulations made under the EP Act.

AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE

This announcement has been approved for release to the ASX by the Board of Ark Mines Ltd.

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About Ark Mines Limited

Ark Mines is an ASX listed Australian mineral exploration company focused on developing its 100% owned projects located in Northern Queensland. The Company's exploration portfolio consists of four high quality projects.

The Flagship Sandy Mitchell Rare Earth and Heavy Mineral Project

- **Ark owns 100% of the 147km^2 EPM 28013 'Sandy Mitchell' – an advanced Rare Earths Project in North Queensland with additional 138km^2 of sub blocks under application**
- **Very high historical TREO grades* including high grade pan concentrates of 17.7% total heavy minerals including 16.1% monazite plus xenotime.**
- **Project contains all critical Light Rare Earths as well as Heavy Rare Earths including dysprosium (Dy), terbium (Tb), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), thulium (Tm) ytterbium (Yb), yttrium (Y) and excluding only Lutetium**
- **Up to 25% of the TREO is Nd and Pr (magnet metals)**
- **Rare Earths at *'Sandy Mitchell'* are amenable to panning a concentrate; Planned low-cost, fast start up, straightforward beneficiation by gravity processing**

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Gunnawarra Nickel-Cobalt Project

- Comprised of 11 sub-blocks covering $36km^2$
- Borders Australian Mines Limited Sconi project - most advanced Co-Ni-Sc project in Australia
- Potential synergies with local processing facilities with export DSO Nickel/Cobalt partnership options

Mt Jesse Copper-Iron Project

- Project covers a tenure area of $12.4km^2$ located ~25km west of Mt Garnet
- Centered on a copper rich magnetite skarn associated with porphyry style mineralization
- Three exposed historic iron formations
- Potential for near term production via toll treat and potential to direct ship

Pluton Porphyry Gold Project

- Located ~90km SW of Cairns near Mareeba, QLD covering $18km^2$
- Prospective for gold and associated base metals (Ag, Cu, Mo)
- Porphyry outcrop discovered during initial field inspection coincides with regional scale geophysical interpretation

Competent Persons Statement

The Information in this report that relates to exploration results, mineral resources or ore reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Roger Jackson, who is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Jackson is a shareholder and director of the Company.

Mr Jackson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the `Australian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves ’(the JORC Code). Mr Jackson consents to the inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears in this report. Mr Jackson confirms information in this market announcement is an accurate representation of the available data for the exploration areas being acquired.

Forward Looking Statements and Important Notice

This report contains forecasts, projections and forward-looking information. Although the Company believes that its expectations, estimates and forecast outcomes are based on reasonable assumptions it can give no assurance that these will be achieved. Expectations and estimates and projections and information provided by the Company are not a guarantee of future performance and involve unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are out of Ark Mines ’control.

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